

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
- v. -	:	FORFEITURE AS TO
	:	<u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
TEIMURAZ TAVBERIDZE,	:	
	:	23 Cr. 585 (JSR)
Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about November 8, 2023, TEIMURAZ TAVBERIDZE (the “Defendant”), was charged in an Indictment, 23 Cr. 585 (JSR) (the “Indictment”), with conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act extortion, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951 (Count One); and Hobbs Act extortion, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 2 (Count Two);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Counts One and Two of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), of any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about December 10, 2024, following a jury trial, the Defendant was found guilty of Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Government asserts that \$19,000 in United States currency represents the proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, that the Defendant personally obtained;

WHEREAS, the Government seeks the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$19,000 in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with his co-defendants Vazha Gabadadze, Kakha Katsadze, and Davit Tikaradze, (collectively, the “Co-defendants”) to the extent forfeiture money judgments are entered against the Co-defendants in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in in Counts One and Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. As a result of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant was found guilty, following a jury trial, a money judgment in the amount of \$19,000 in United States currency (the “Money Judgment”), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, shall be entered against the Defendant, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with his Co-defendants, to the extent forfeiture money judgments are entered against the Co-defendants in this case, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, Teimuraz Tavberidze and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding Money Judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable to the United States Marshals Service, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Illicit Finance and Money Laundering Unit, 26 Federal Plaza, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10278 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

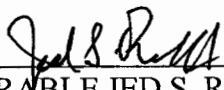
4. The United States Marshals Service is authorized to deposit the payments on the Money Judgment into the Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

SO ORDERED:



HONORABLE JED S. RAKOFF
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

3/13/25
DATE